

18 ROGER RASCHE: This is Roger Rasche. I'm
19 going to make tentative remarks because I've got a
20 lot of material here to study and there's other
21 things I want to look up.

22 I first got interested in the subject when I
23 was listening to a talk radio show and somebody was
24 saying the greatest place for nuclear waste is Yucca
25 Mountain because if there was leakage and a disaster

1 happened, that the Sierras would keep it from
2 entering California. And I thought, well, I'm on
3 this side of the Sierras.

4 But, you know, we've wasted a lot of
5 resources in this country. We've used oil and gas
6 and minerals that should have been here for a
7 thousand years in the last hundred years. And
8 Theodore Roosevelt in 1900 made a speech in which he
9 criticized the phrase unlimited resources of America.
10 He said renewable and nonrenewable.

11 Renewable resource are trees. You plant
12 trees for the future. When you have nonrenewable
13 resource, we should use great caution. It would be a
14 shame to use up for two or three generations those
15 resources that should be here for our posterity for
16 many generations to come.

17 So now we find it necessary to seek other
18 resources like nuclear. And the thing is that we're
19 putting a burden with the nuclear waste, we're
20 putting a burden on the future to watch over and
21 guarantee and protect this waste for generations to
22 come, longer than man's been on earth. And it's a
23 shame to put this burden on the future, but it's
24 going to be there. And we've got to store it the
25 best we can for the sake of the future, but, you
1 know, I hate the fact that we've put such a burden on
2 the future.

3 And I think that with geologic time a lot

4 can happen that we are unaware of now. There's no
5 guarantees, but the thing is we can't leave it for --
6 it's just all over the place. We've got to do the
7 best we can with it, and I'm not even sure what that
8 is.

9 But I hope that whatever works out, we do
10 the best and I hope the future generations will be
11 forgiving of us and that we don't have any major
12 disasters. I have felt, this is just a comment, but
13 perhaps the best place to store nuclear waste would
14 be under Washington, D.C. because if there was a
15 leakage or disaster, it would be a lot less
16 detrimental than what would happen to the desert or
17 the Shoshone Nation. Thank you.